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SUBJECT: PRIMIN DEMIREL ON U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS, GREECE-CYPRUS  
AND INTERNAL UNREST

1. PRIMIN DEMIREL WAS INTERVIEWED ON MAY 9 BY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT DENNIS REDMONT. PRINCIPAL  
POINTS OF DEMIREL'S REMARKS AS REPORTED IN TURKISH PRESS  
WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS: DEMIREL SAID THAT  
WHILE TURKEY WOULD WAIT A "REASONABLE" TIME FOR CONGRESSIONAL  
RATIFICATION OF THE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREE-  
MENT (DCA) HE HOPED THAT APPROVAL WOULD COME "AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE." ACCORDING TO DEMIREL, IF CONGRESS REJECTED THE  
AGREEMENT, "IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO EXPLAIN WHY  
WE SIGNED IT. INDEED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO HAVE  
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SIGNED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE." EVEN IF AN AGREEMENT WERE

REJECTED, TURKEY, AS "A GREAT NATION," WOULD "LOOK AFTER ITSELF." DEMIREL "APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER," HOWEVER A REJECTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY CONGRESS "WOULD MAKE DIFFICULT PARTICIPATION IN A NEW AGREEMENT EITHER ALONG THESE LINES OR ON ANOTHER SUBJECT." AT A TIME WHEN THE U.S. WAS "LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS IN AFRICA," DEMIREL RHETORICALLY ASKED, "WHY WOULD THE U.S. PUSH ASIDE TURKEY...AN IMPORTANT ALLY AND GOOD FRIEND?"

B. GREECE-CYPRUS: DEMIREL'S COMMENTS CONCERNING A PROPOSED NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH GREECE ARE REPORTED SEPTEL. DEMIREL WENT ON TO NOTE THAT TURKEY "COULD HAVE TAKEN ALL OF CYPRUS AND STILL CAN." HOWEVER, TURKEY "DID NOT DO SO." INDEED, ACCORDING TO DEMIREL, "GREECE HAS STARTED ALL THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, INCLUDING CYPRUS." AFTER RECOUNTING THE SAMPSON COUP AND TURKEY'S REASONS FOR INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS, DEMIREL DECLARED THAT "THERE IS PEACE NOW ON CYPRUS WHERE THE FACE OF PEACE HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE." DEMIREL COMPLAINED OF THE MILITARIZATION OF RHODES AND SAMOS. ALTHOUGH CALLING HIS TALK WITH GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS IN BRUSSELS "USEFUL" IN THAT THE CYPRUS PEACE TALKS HAD BEGUN AGAIN AND WERE CONTINUING, DEMIREL SAID THAT "NEITHER ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM NOR ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE HAD ANY RESULTS BEEN ATTAINED." DEMIREL DISCLOSED, HOWEVER, THAT TURKISH AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET PRIVATELY DURING THE NATO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN OSLO MAY 19.

C. SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNISM: DEMIREL ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD PROVIDE TURKEY WITH ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN CREDITS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY PROJECTS. WHILE DECLARING THAT "COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IS BEING INSTIGATED (IN TURKEY) FROM ABROAD," DEMIREL STATED THAT "OUR NEIGHBORS ARE NOT RPT NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES AS STATES AND GOVERNMENTS." THE PRIMIN CHARACTERIZED PRESENT UNIVERSITY UNREST AS REALLY "NOT (RPT NOT) STUDENT INCIDENTS" AND AS HAVING "THE SAME INSTIGATORS AS THE INCIDENTS OF 1969-1972." DEMIREL PROMISED "THE NECESSARY ACTION" IF IT WERE PROVEN THAT ARMS AND FUNDS WERE COMING FROM FOREIGN SOURCES FOR POLITICAL SUBVERSION.

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2. COMMENT: EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 10 FONOFF SPOKESMAN AKBIL TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AT PRIMIN DEMIREL'S REQUEST TO CORRECT QUOTATION IN PARAGRAPH 1B. PRIMIN WANTED AMBASSADOR TO KNOW THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED MORNING MAY 10 ABOUT HIS ALLEGED EARLIER STATEMENT AND HAD ISSUED FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF WHAT HE HAD SAID:

BEGIN TEXT: GREECE HAS NO REASON TO FEAR TURKEY BECAUSE

TURKEY DOES NOT RPT NOT NOURISH, NEITHER WITH RESPECT TO  
GREECE NOR WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF  
CYPRUS, AGGRESSIVE AND EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS. IF THAT  
WERE SO, WE COULD HAVE TAKEN NOT RPT NOT A PART OF THE  
ISLAND BUT THE WHOLE OF IT. EVEN TODAY WE HAVE THAT  
CAPABILITY, BUT WE HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF DOING SO. FURTHERMORE,  
I AM CONFIDENT THAT GREECE ALSO HAS NO AGGRESSIVE  
INTENTIONS TOWARD TURKEY. END TEXT.  
MACOMBER

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